

Jail-A-Thon in Newberry K mart raises over \$18,000

Tom Kaltenbrun, manager of K mart 9628, Newberry, South Carolina was jailed recently during the American Cancer Society Jail-A-Thon held at 9628 which raised over \$18,000. Kaltenbrun got the ball rolling by having the jail built, with bars and locked door.

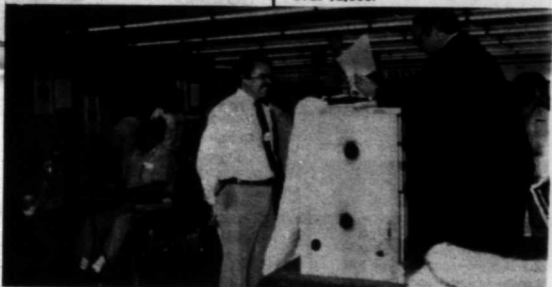
The Kangaroo Court was complete with judges who tried over 75 citizens with charges ranging from loafing on the job to public ugliness. It cost \$25 to have someone locked up.

Employees of 9628 took donations to have the WalMart manager locked up. Charges brought against him were impersonating a retailer. The judge found Kaltenbrun guilty and set his bond at \$1,000. However, Kaltenbrun was quick to bring to the judge's attention that it was his idea to hold the Jail-A-Thon, so the judge dropped the bond to \$990. Newberry law enforcement took

part by getting the hardened criminals into police cars and used handcuffs and signed warrants for their arrest. One local minister, arrested and handcuffed on his front lawn, said that he is still trying to explain this to his neighbors.

This two day event managed to raise \$18,343. It was the biggest fund raiser ever for Newberry County. Each prisoner who visited said if they had to go to jail they were glad it was one complete with peanuts, cola, and their very own phone for calling friends and neighbors to raise bond.

One of the assistant managers, J. O. Williams, managed to get himself locked up and make the local newspaper complete with picture. His charges were eating chicken wing tips in the handicapped parking area, and preaching without carrying his license with him at all times. Bond was set at \$500. Three other employees also found themselves behind bars with various charges. Their arrests raised over \$2,000.



Manager Tom Kaltenbrun, K mart 9628, Newberry, South Carolina, stands before the judge waiting for his bail to be set.

Buy a ticket, win a Mercedes

For the past two years a unique raffle to benefit Easter Seals has been sponsored by the Albany Aero Club whose president Tom Greenfield is also manager of K mart 3219, Albany, Georgia. This year the raffle netted over \$8,000.

Tickets for the raffle sell for \$200. Seems like a lot, but considering that the grand prize is a new Mercedes Benz and the fact that the last ticket drawn from a hat is the winner, the investment can garner the ticket holder a pretty good chance of winning.

"I sold six or eight tickets," Greenfield says. "It's amazing how hard it is to sell \$200 tickets, though. This year will be the third time we have done this raffle and

we are looking forward to another big check. Our goal is \$10,000. The raffle will be held sometime in November."

The winner for the last raffle was a doctor who spent between \$12,000 and \$14,000 on tickets.

"When it gets down to the last 10 tickets, another auction is held for those tickets. It gets real exciting at that point," says Greenfield.

Greenfield is president of the Aero Club and sponsors other activities such as air shows with talent like the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

"I just went to the airport one Sunday and said that I'd like to learn how to fly. So in 1971 I got my license. Our club owns four aircraft and gives its members a discount rate for flying time."

Grayling Wallace performs— contemporary gospel is his style

There is a musical celebrity in the midst of K mart 9692, Webster, Massachusetts. He is Grayling Wallace, employee and member of a contemporary gospel group called Lazarus. With four other members, Grayling travels throughout New England performing in coffee houses, churches and at concerts.

"We are trying to put more up-to-date tempo into gospel music. We have songs that have a rock beat and a disco beat. We hope that people will listen to the music and hear the message in the words."

Grayling has been with the group for three years. Before that,

he performed with other groups, traveling through the U.S. He has been into music for about 18 years. He is an accomplished drummer, and also sings, writes lyrics and composes.

"I would say that most of the songs that we perform, say 98 percent are all originals," Grayling says. "We are looking into the near future and hoping to make an album."

This spring, Lazarus put on a major concert, attended by over 500 people. They have also appeared on several television programs on major Boston stations. Most of their performing is done on weekends since each member holds down a daytime job. Grayling says that they like to practice once or twice a week, whenever they can fit it into their schedules.

Proctor and Gamble award

Thanks to Lori Dunsmore, merchandiser at K mart 3570, Richmond, Michigan, her store won a nationwide contest sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, which brought them a \$1,000 check they gave to charity.

Two hundred and fifty retailing stores across the country won this merchandising display promotion, which designated that at least two displays had to contain five to seven of their products. Lori used health and hair care products in her four cube displays.

"We were the only K mart in this

area that won. I didn't do the displays by myself, but I ordered the merchandise and made sure that we displayed it and sent in photos for the contest."

The check for \$1,000 that the store received was given to a Michigan Special Olympics Committee. They used the money to send a team to the International Special Olympics in Baton Rouge this summer. "This is the first year that we entered this contest," Lori says. "But we will enter it again next year. We had people come into our store and they said that the displays looked really nice."



Lori Dunsmore, far right, from K mart 3570, Richmond, Michigan, with others receiving the \$1,000 check from Proctor and Gamble. Left to right, Store Manager David Stettin, Detroit K mart manager Kevin Clayton, Proctor and Gamble sales representative and Peggy Angel also Proctor and Gamble, area directors of the Special Olympics Committee Rita Crummer and Doug Blasius.